IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 16 to 21 and 74 to 76 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, add new Claims 98 to 115 and amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 91. (Canceled)

92. (Previously Presented) A printer comprising:

a first determination unit adapted to determine whether received information is information for a print function;

a second determination unit adapted to, when said first determination unit determines that the received information is the information for the print function, determine whether the printer is in a sleep state;

a third determination unit adapted to, when said second determination unit determines that the printer is not in the sleep state, determine whether the printer can print singly without starting an initial operation, and when said second determination unit determines that the printer is in the sleep state, start the initial operation and determine whether the printer can print singly; and

a processing unit adapted to, when said third determination unit determines that the printer can print singly, execute printing in accordance with the received information, when said third determination unit determines that the printer cannot print singly, transmit the received information to a host device, and when said first determination unit determines that the received information is not the information for the print function, transmit the received information to the host device.

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93. (Previously Presented) A printer comprising:

a first determination unit adapted to determine whether information received from a card device is information for a print function;

a second determination unit adapted to, when said first determination unit determines that the information received from the card device is the information for the print function, determining whether the printer is in a sleep state;

a third determination unit adapted to, when said second determination unit determines that the printer is not in the sleep state, determine whether the printer can print singly without starting an initial operation, and when said second determination unit determines that the printer is in the sleep state, starting the initial operation and determining whether the printer can print singly; and

a processing unit adapted to, when said third determination unit determines that the printer can print singly, executing printing in accordance with the information received from the card device, when said third determination unit determines that the printer cannot print singly, transmitting the information received from the card device to a host device, and when said first determination unit determines that the information received from the card device is not the information for the print function, transmitting the information received from the card device to the host device.

94. (Previously Presented) A printer control method comprising:

a first determination step of determining whether received information is information for a print function;

a second determination step of, when it is determined in the first determination step that the received information is the information for the print function, determining whether the printer is in a sleep state;

a third determination step of, when it is determined in the second determination step that the printer is not in the sleep state, determining whether the printer can print singly without starting an initial operation, and when it is determined in the second determination step that the printer is in the sleep state, starting the initial operation and determining whether the printer can print singly; and

a processing step of, when it is determined in the third determination step that the printer can print singly, executing printing in accordance with the received information, when it is determined in the third determination step that the printer cannot print singly, transmitting the received information to a host device, and when it is determined in the first determination step that the received information is not the information for the print function, transmitting the received information to the host device.

95. (Previously Presented) A printer control method comprising:

a first determination step of determining whether information received from a card device is information for a print function;

a second determination step of, when it is determined in the first determination step that the information received from the card device is the information for the print function, determining whether the printer is in a sleep state;

a third determination step of, when it is determined in the second determination step that the printer is not in the sleep state, determining whether the printer can print singly without starting an initial operation, and when it is determined in the

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second determination step that the printer is in the sleep state, starting the initial operation

and determining whether the printer can print singly; and

a processing step of, when it is determined in the third determination step

that the printer can print singly, executing printing in accordance with the information

received from the card device, when it is determined in the third determination step that the

printer cannot print singly, transmitting the information received from the card device to a

host device, and when it is determined in the first determination step that the information

received from the card device is not the information for the print function, transmitting the

information received from the card device to the host device.

96. (Currently Amended) A computer readable program stored on a

computer readable medium for making a computer implement a printer control method, the

program comprising:

a first determination step ~~for~~ of determining whether received information is

information for a print function;

a second determination step ~~for~~ of, when it is determined in the first

determination step that the received information is the information for the print function,

determining whether the printer is in a sleep state;

a third determination step ~~for~~ of, when it is determined in the second

determination step that the printer is not in the sleep state, determining whether the printer

can print singly without starting an initial operation, and when it is determined in the

second determination step that the printer is in the sleep state, starting the initial operation

and determining whether the printer can print singly; and

a processing step for of, when it is determined in the third determination step that the printer can print singly, executing printing in accordance with the received information, when it is determined in the third determination step that the printer cannot print singly, transmitting the received information to a host device, and when it is determined in the first determination step that the received information is not the information for the print function, transmitting the received information to the host device.

97. (Currently Amended) A computer readable program stored on a computer readable medium for making a computer implement a printer control method, the program comprising:

a first determination step for of determining whether information received from a card device is information for a print function;

a second determination step for of, when it is determined in the first determination step that the information received from the card device is the information for the print function, determining whether the printer is in a sleep state;

a third determination step for of, when it is determined in the second determination step that the printer is not in the sleep state, determining whether the printer can print singly without starting an initial operation, and when it is determined in the second determination step that the printer is in the sleep state, starting the initial operation and determining whether the printer can print singly; and

a processing step for of, when it is determined in the third determination step that the printer can print singly, executing printing in accordance with the information received from the card device, when it is determined in the third determination step that the printer cannot print singly, transmitting the information received from the card device to a

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host device, and when it is determined in the first determination step that the information

received from the card device is not the information for the print function, transmitting the

information received from the card device to the host device.

98. (New) The printer according to claim 92, wherein the initial operation

includes an initialization of a mechanism of the printer.

99. (New) The printer according to claim 92, wherein the printer comprises

an ink-jet printer.

100. (New) The printer according to claim 92, wherein said third

determination unit determines that the printer cannot print singly when an image with high

image quality is included as information to be printed in the received information.

101. (New) The printer according to claim 93, wherein the initial operation

includes an initialization of a mechanism of the printer.

102. (New) The printer according to claim 93, wherein the printer

comprises an ink-jet printer.

103. (New) The printer according to claim 93, wherein said third

determination unit determines that the printer cannot print singly when an image with high

image quality is included as information to be printed in the received information.

104. (New) The printer control method according to claim 94, wherein the initial operation includes an initialization of a mechanism of the printer.

105. (New) The printer control method according to claim 94, wherein the printer comprises an ink-jet printer.

106. (New) The printer control method according to claim 94, wherein said third determination step determines that the printer cannot print singly when an image with high image quality is included as information to be printed in the received information.

107. (New) The printer control method according to claim 95, wherein the initial operation includes an initialization of a mechanism of the printer.

108. (New) The printer control method according to claim 95, wherein the printer comprises an ink-jet printer.

109. (New) The printer control method according to claim 95, wherein said third determination step determines that the printer cannot print singly when an image with high image quality is included as information to be printed in the received information.

110. (New) The computer readable program according to claim 96, wherein the initial operation includes an initialization of a mechanism of the printer.

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111. (New) The computer readable program according to claim 96, wherein the printer comprises an ink-jet printer.

112. (New) The computer readable program according to claim 96, wherein said third determination step determines that the printer cannot print singly when an image with high image quality is included as information to be printed in the received information.

113. (New) The computer readable program according to claim 97, wherein the initial operation includes an initialization of a mechanism of the printer.

114. (New) The computer readable program according to claim 97, wherein the printer comprises an ink-jet printer.

115. (New) The computer readable program according to claim 97, wherein said third determination step determines that the printer cannot print singly when an image with high image quality is included as information to be printed in the received information.